

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appn. No: 10/554,028  
Applicant: Chunquan Chen, et al.  
Filed: June 30, 2006  
Title: USE OF LIPO-CHITooligosaccharides to Initiate Early Flowering  
And Fruit Development in Plants and Related Methods and  
Compositions  
T.C./A.U.: 1616  
Examiner: Alton Nathaniel Pryor  
Confirmation No.: 7849  
Docket No.: EMD-126US

**AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 1, 2010, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.